Jiribam is organized and managed by 6 Dy. Chief Engineers posted at Lumding, Haflong and Silchar under the administrative control of Chief Engineer at Maligaon.

(c) Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction) office is already existing at Silchar for the project.

(d) Does not arise.

Vacancies in Group 'D'

1182. SHRIMATI PREMACARIAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are about 20,000 vacancies in Group 'D' in safety category lying vacant in the Railways, till date;

(b) if so, by what time these are likely to be filled up;

(c) whether it is also a fact that on an average six consequential accidents occur every week including collision, derailment, fire or otherwise; and

(d) if so, what are details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No time frame can be fixed as arising & filling up of vacancies on the Railways is a continuous process. The vacancies keep on arising and getting filled up by various modes of recruitment. However, instructions exist for expeditious filling up of vacancies especially those in safety categories.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Transportation of goods by railway wagons

†1183. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the transportation of goods in terms of weight through the railway wagons is more than the prescribed capacity;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the condition of the railway wagons is deteriorating due to the transportation of goods more than its prescribed capacity; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to tackle the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Cases of Railway wagons with more weight than the prescribed capacity have been detected during weighment checks. Loading in all such cases has been done by the consignor. However, in all these cases, punitive charges have been levied as per extant rules.

(c) Yes, Sir. Condition of wagon is affected if goods more than the prescribed capacity are transported.

(d) The wagons affected due to transportation of goods more than the prescribed capacity get detected during the next intensive examination and are attended to make them fit.

Kayamkulam as a Model Railway Station

1184. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kayamkulam railway station was declared as a model railway station and a railway junction by the previous Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether funds have since been allocated for the further development of this station;

(d) if so, the details of the funds, so far, released; and

(e) the details of the development works, so. far, undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Kayamkulam junction was identified as model station for the purpose of providing upgraded passenger amenities and instructions in this regard were issued on 11.11.2003.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A work for provision of platform shelter on platform no. 1 for 32 metre length has been sanctioned during 2005-06 at a cost of Rs. 8 lakh.

(e) The following works have been completed at Kayamkulam: